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SUBJECT: IMC OPENING EVENT -- BUSINESS MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT,

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- 1. WE NOW RECOMMEND JUNE 12-16 AS THE DATES FOR THE "GRAND OPENING" SHOW IN THE NEW IMC, THUS COMPLETING OUR RY-78 SCHEDULE.
- 2. ARCHITECTS DESIGNING CLIFF STREET PREMISES ASSURE US THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR JUNE 12 OPENING.
- 3. DURING 1978 THERE ARE A FEW SMALL LOCAL SHOWS SCHEDULED IN VARIOUS AUSTRALIAN CITIES WHICH MIGHT CONFLICT WITH IMC EVENT IN TERMS OF PROCUDT CATEGORIES. HOWEVER, WE ARE SATISFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT NONE OF THESE MATERIALLY AFFECT THE VIABILITY OF OUR EVENT. THE PREMIER EVENT OF THIS GROUP, THE "OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION" IN MELBOURNE, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 18-21, 1978 AND THEREFORE NO LONGER CAUSES US ANY CONCERN.

4. WE ASSUME THAT GOAL OF 16 PARTICIPANTS AND 80/20 RATIO OF NTM TO OTM WILL PREVAIL. ON THAT BASIS WE CAN FILL OTM QUOTA

AND THEN SOME THROUGH LOCAL PROCUREMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM DATES AND THEME. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION OF NAME OF PROJECT OFFICER, OPENING DATE OF PROCUREMENT, AND ETA SYDNEY OF PROCUREMENT PRINT PACKAGE.

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